GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1862
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2000
DOGRI LANGUAGE IN EIGHTH SCHEDULE
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons speaking Dogri language and the number who speak and read this Dogri language in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government have proposed to include Dogri language in 8th Schedule of the Consititution;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)
(a) The number of persons who returned Dogri language as their mother tongue in the country was 89,681 as per the 1991 Census excluding Jammu & Kashmir where census could not be conducted due to disturbed conditions. As regards the persons who speak and read Dogri language in the country, details are not available as it was not collected at the Census.
(b),(c) & (d): The Government proposes to constitute a High Powered Body for evolving criteria for inclusion of any or more languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India.The question of inclusion of Dogri language in the Eighth Schedule can be taken up at the appropriate time in terms of the criteria to be evolved by the proposed Body.